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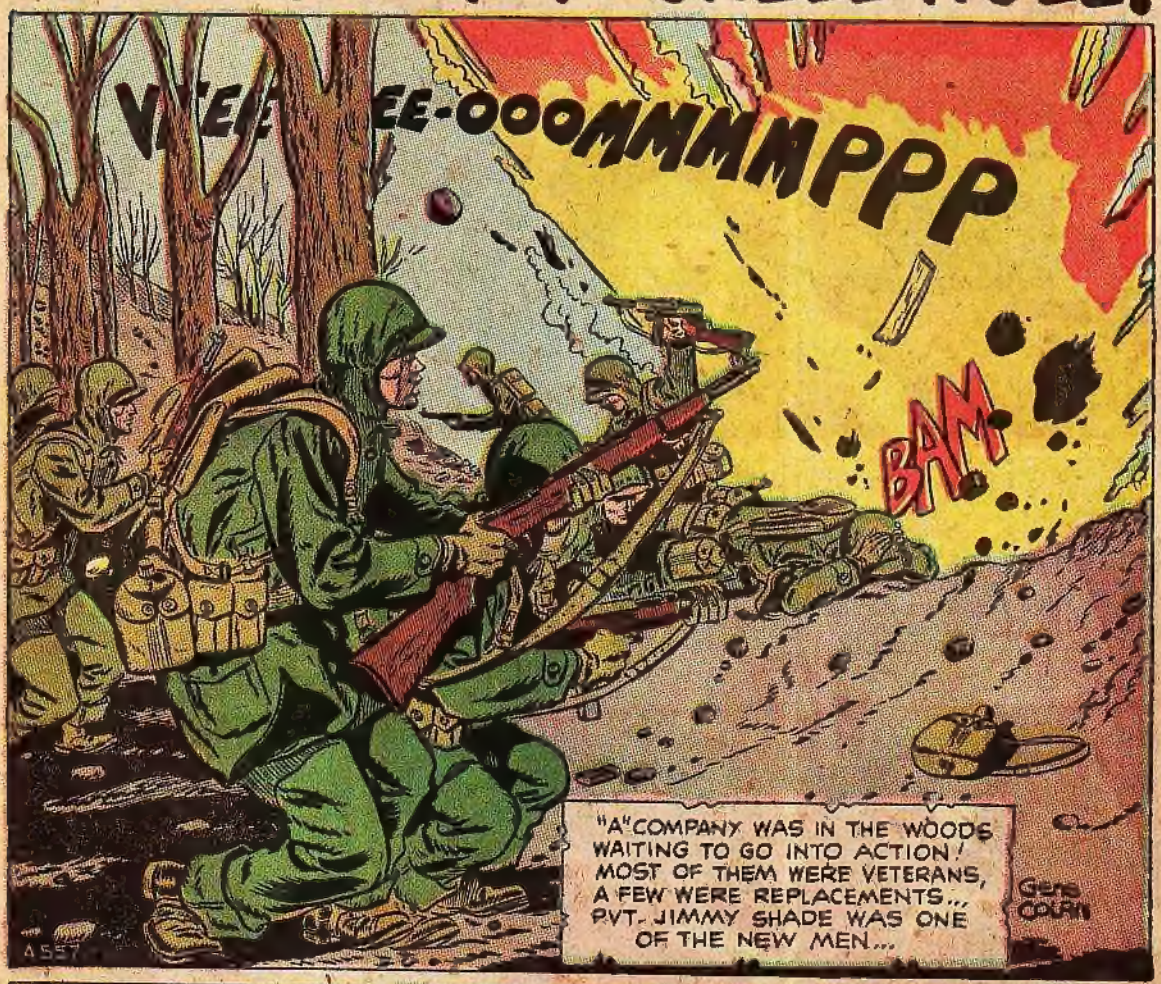
INCIDENT IN A SHELL HOLE!



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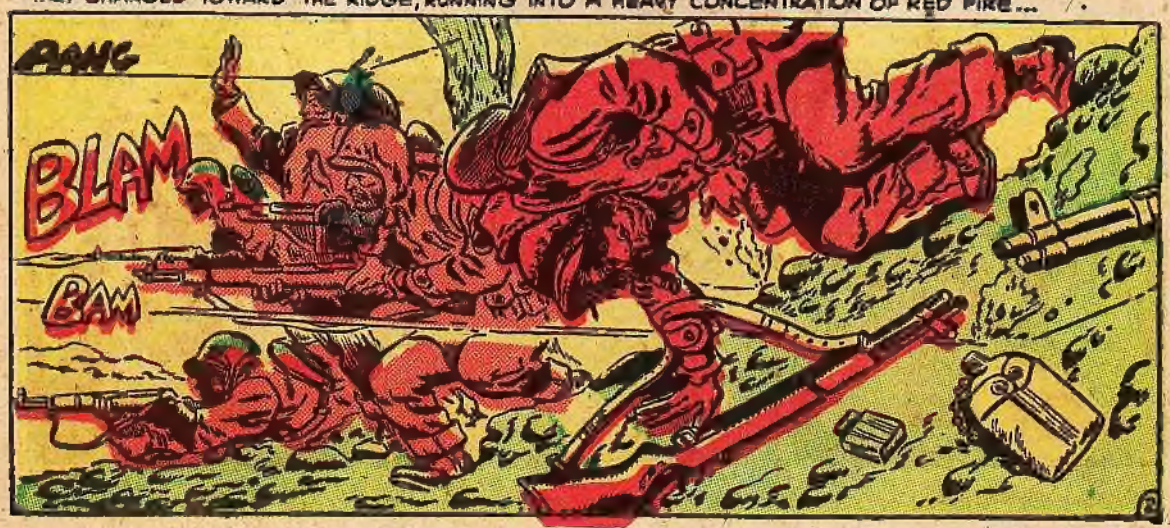
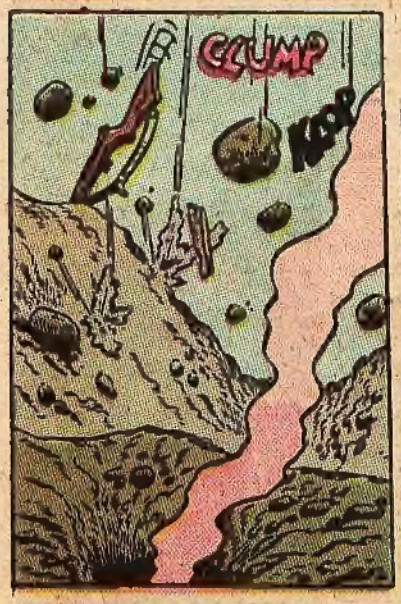


COMMIE SHELLS CAME DOWN, PATTERNING THE OPEN SPACE BETWEEN WOODS AND RIDGE... CATCHING "A" COMPANY IN THE OPEN...

AND ONE OF THEM SMASHED DOWN NEAR JIMMY SHADE...

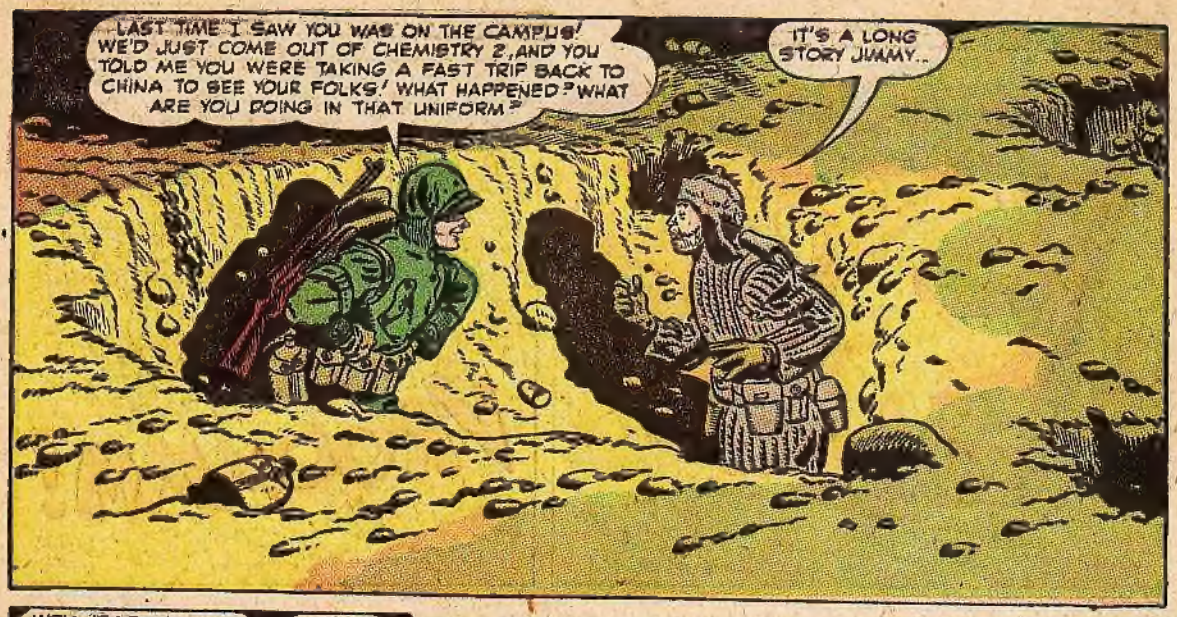


HE LAY IN THE SHELL HOLE, STUNNED, UNCONSCIOUS, WHILE THE BATTLE FOR THE RIDGE RAGED ON AROUND HIM...

IT WAS DARK WHEN JIMMY CAME TO! THE SOUNDS OF FIGHTING HAD PASSED, BUT SHELLS STILL BATTERED THE EARTH...

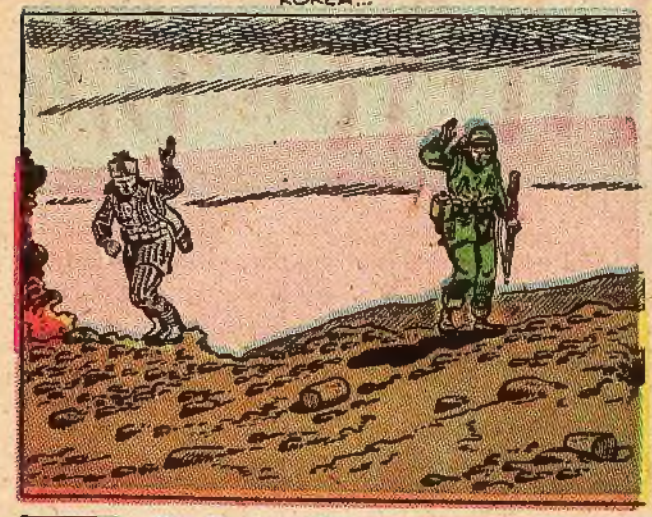
SOMETHING MOVED IN THE CORNER OF HIS VISION... A FIGURE, AT THE OTHER SIDE OF THE SHELL HOLE, REACHING FOR A GUN...

JIMMY'S M-1 ARCED UP, HIS FINGER SQUEEZED THE TRIGGER...



THE WOUND WAS A BAD ONE, BUT JIMMY SHADE CLEANED AND DRESSED IT AND THE TWO MEN SAT AND SMOKED AS BOB FINISHED HIS STORY..

THEY TURNED AND WALKED AWAY... EACH IN OPPOSITE DIRECTIONS... TWO MEN WHO HAD BEEN FRIENDS AND HAD MET IN A SHELL HOLE ON THE BATTLEFIELD OF KOREA...



HE LOOKED AT THE KOREANS AS THEY CARRIED HIM BACK TO HIS OWN LINES! THESE MEN LOOKED LIKE BOB MAO... ON THE SURFACE... BUT THERE WAS A DIFFERENCE...

SECRET WEAPON-G.I.

COLONEL SHAN, of the Korean People's Army, was furious as he walked up and down the long administration room of the Korangpo Prison Camp. There was hate, murder, and a bit of insanity written all over his face. He stopped at his desk, took a deep breath, and then gave vent to his emotions as the stolid Captain Pu listened.

"It can't be! It can't be! How could those four Americans escape from this prison camp? Our superiors built it so that it was escape proof. There is an electrified wire barrier which will burn a man alive if he but touches it. They can't tunnel underneath the ground because the stream would drown them. And we have forty men with machine guns and searchlights watching our grounds every night. It can't be!" He stopped for a breath and then added a sane afterthought. "But how did they get out of here?"

Captain Pu gulped as he started to speak. He had once learned at the Mission School when a boy that Americans were capable of doing anything, even the impossible.

"They just walked out of the main gate," he explained simply. "Either with paint, wax, or charcoal they so disguised their faces that the guard thought they were the Korean peasants who help us. And one of them had evidently picked up enough of the Korean tongue to pass as a real native when he spoke for the group."

"You will take with you six of our best men," ordered Colonel Shan, "and bring them all back to me alive or dead. Carry with you emergency rations for two weeks. I want only success or it will not be healthy for you."

Not a muscle on Captain Pu's face moved as he heard the thinly veiled threat. After all, where can a man vanish? Only to the land of his ancestors.

"You have but to order and I follow your command," he replied as politely as could be though he inwardly wished his superior officer would throw a fit and die.

By virtue of his rank, Captain George S. Franklin should have been in charge of the small group of men who had just escaped from the prison camp. But he and the other two men tacitly permitted Private John Crane to run things. After all, it had been Private Crane who had worked out the idea of disguising their faces so they looked like Koreans. And now they were together in a small clear area of the forest.

"Why are we waiting here?" asked Private Fred Hoffer. "Seems to me to be common sense to put as much territory as possible between us and the enemy. A million to one they are going to send a searching party after us with orders to get us dead or alive."

"That's exactly what I figure," snapped back the thin brown haired young man who had walked them all out of the prison camp with the greatest of ease. "They ought to catch up to us in about an hour or so. They have food, supplies, and weapons which we can all use if we expect to get to home base. So we sit here until they come."

That was even a bit too much for Captain Franklin to take. So he walked right up to the genius in charge and asked him a very simple question.

"What makes you so certain they will find us? We are going southeast to eventually go to the west. How will they figure this out?"

"I left signs behind us so that even the blindest and dumbest soldier could track us." And before the astonished Captain Franklin could find words to answer that bit of wisdom, Private John Crane continued speaking.

"You will climb up those trees when they approach. I am going to make some spears from the hardwood around here. I can handle a spear better than any native in Africa. You just watch.

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IT ALL STARTED WITH THE BLAST OF A CHINESE BUGLE...

THE NOTES OF THAT LITTLE TIN HORN UNBUCKLED THE GATES OF HELL, AND OUT POURED THOUSANDS OF DEVILS IN QUILTED UNIFORMS AND FUR HATS...

THEY SWARMED OUT OF MANCHURIA WITH THE CRY OF BLOOD ON THEIR LIPS... AND THEIR BOOTS STOMPED THE BATTLEGROUND IN TEMPO WITH THE SAVAGE SHRILL OF THE BUGLE! THE DOGGIES NEEDED NO ROLL CALL TO TELL THEM THAT ONCE AGAIN THEY WERE...

OUTNUMBERED

BAM! BLAM!

BA-KRAK

POK-POK!

KA-BROM

KA-KA-KA-KA-KA

STORY BY HANK CHAPMAN

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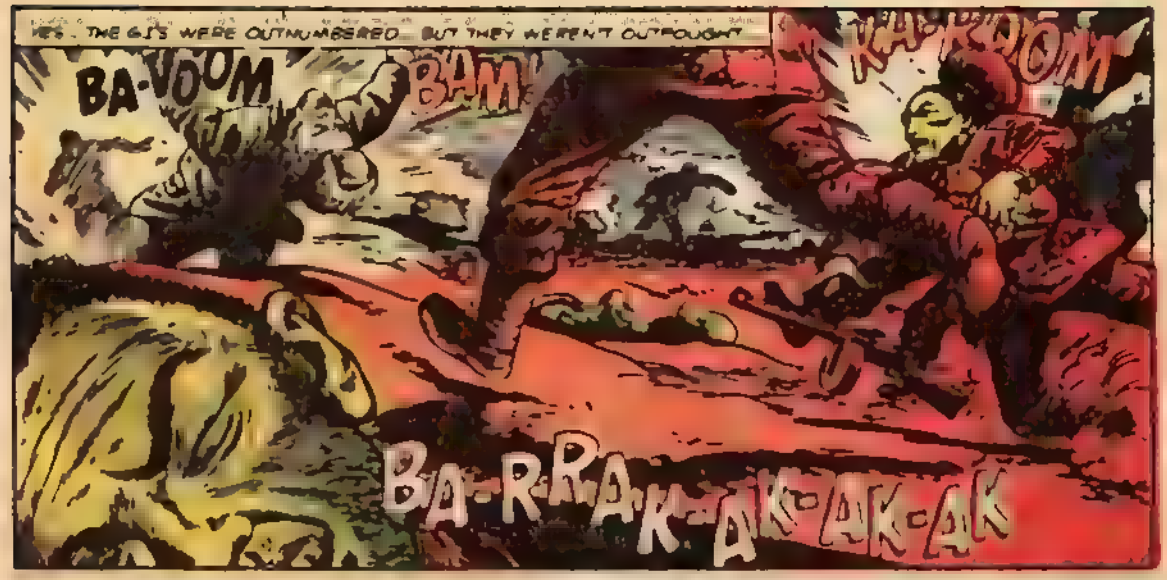

YES . THE G.I'S WERE OUTNUMBERED... BUT THEY WEREN'T OUTFOUGHT
BA-VOOM
BAM
KA-BOOM
BA-R-R-A-K-A-K-A-K-A-K

THE LITTLE MEN WITH YELLOW SKINS AND PINCHED CHEEKS FROM ACROSS THE YALU CALLED THEMSELVES THE CHINESE PEOPLE'S LIBERATION ARMY! THEY OUTNUMBERED THE AMERICANS IN MEN, IN MACHINES, IN GUNS... AND IN THE DEAD LEFT ON THE BATTLEFIELD

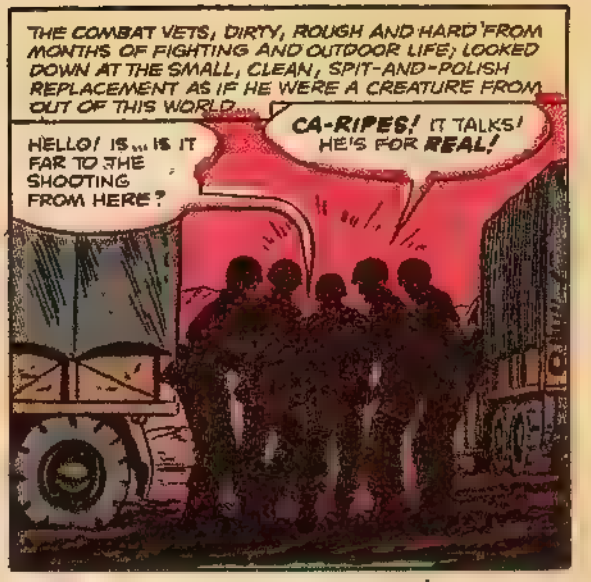
BUT LIFE WAS CHEAPER THAN A CLIP OF AMMO TO THE CHINESE, WHO CAME FROM A LAND WHERE TWO MILLION OF THEIR OWN PEOPLE DIE EVERY YEAR FROM STARVATION! EVEN DEATH COULD NOT HALT THE FANATIC CHARGE

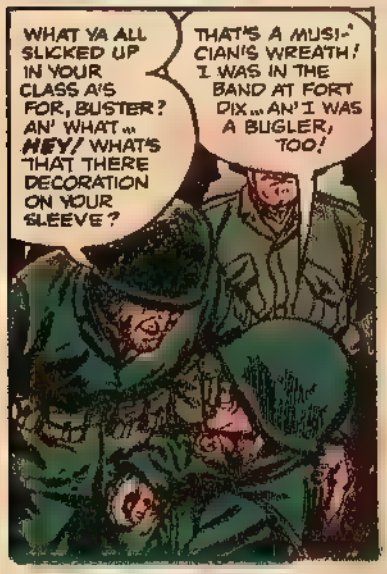
BUT LET'S FACE THE FACTS... ALL THE DYING WASN'T DONE BY THE CHINESE! WHITE SKIN CANNOT REPEL LEAD ANY BETTER THAN YELLOW SKIN. G.I.'S DID THAT, TOO

RETREAT IS A BITTER WORD TO A MILITARY MAN... BUT A NECESSARY ONE IN HIS MILITARY VOCABULARY... AND A DARNED USEFUL ONE --
CA-RIPES! I'VE BEEN ALL THROUGH THE WAR IN NORTH AFRICA, TUNISIA, SICILY AND ITALY... BUT I AIN'T NEVER HAD TO GO BACKWARDS BEFORE!
WE'LL BE BACK, SERGEANT... JUST AS SOON AS WE GET REINFORCEMENTS!

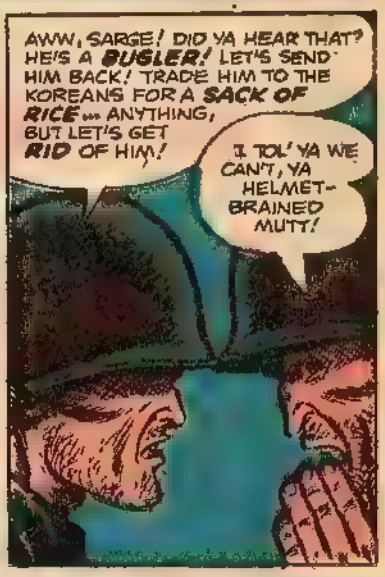
THE G.I. RETREAT FROM THE YALU WAS A MILITARY MIRACLE! THOSE WHO MADE THAT BITTER MARCH WILL TELL IT A HUNDRED TIMES TO THEIR KIDS AND TO THE GUYS AT THE CORNER PUB! AND THEY'LL ALSO TELL ABOUT THEIR LONG WAIT FOR REPLACEMENTS.
HOLY CA-RIPES! HOW MUCH LONGER WE GOTTA SWEAT OUT THOSE REPPLE-DEPPLE FUGITIVES? I GET PENSIONED OFF IN 12 YEARS!
YEAH ... AN' THEY BETTER BE BATTLE-FED BABIES IF THEY WANNA LATCH ON TO THIS OUTFIT!
BIG GEN'S RIGHT! WE DON'T WANT ANY GOLDBRICKS IN THIS COMPANY!
AW, FOR CRIPES SAKES, WHY DON'T YOU GUYS STOP MAKIN' LIKE HITLER! YA KNOW DARNED WELL THAT WE GOTTA TAKE WHAT THEY SEND ... EVEN IF THEY'RE WACS!
YEAH ... BUT WE AIN'T GOTTA LIKE IT! I PITY THE PADDLEFOOTS WHO ADOPT THIS OUTFIT AN' THEN DON'T FIGHT FOR DEAR OL' RUTGERS! AN' I SAY ...
HEY! CUT CLAMPIN' THE CROCKERY AN' COME A-RUNNIN'! THE REPLACEMENTS JUST CAME IN!
CA-RIPES! GET A LOAD OF THOSE GUYS! THEY'RE ALL AS BIG AS A BRICK LATRINE!
WOW! THIS CROP OF REP-DEP COWBOYS LOOKS LIKE THEY WERE BORN AND RAISED IN A FOX-HOLE!
THE COMBAT VETS WERE GLAD TO SEE TOUGH-LOOKING DOGGIES LIKE CHOPPER LEWANDOWSKI...
THEY NUDGED EACH OTHER WHEN GUYS LIKE MIKE BURKE PILED OUT OF THE
AND WHEN GIANTS LIKE TONY CARBONA FELL INTO LINE ... THEY SMILED HAPPILY ..
BUT WHEN THEY SAW HENRY WAKEFIELD .. THEY COULDN'T BELIEVE IT.

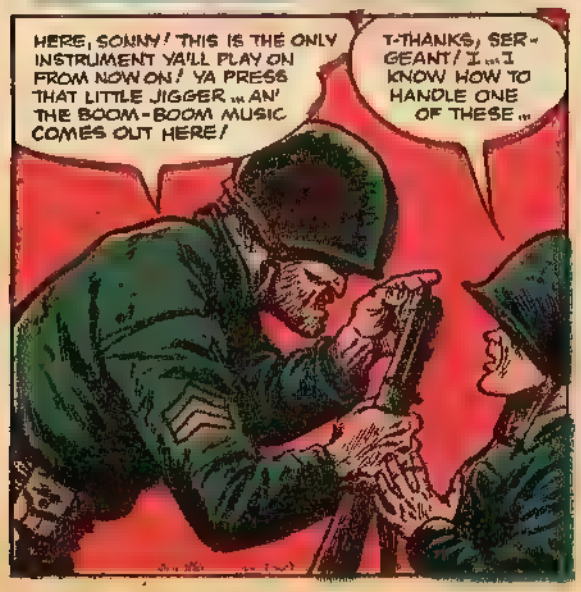
YOWLIN' VIPES! SOME BATTLE-HAPPY PENCIL-PUSHER DOWN AT THE REPPLE-DEPPLE MUST BE PULLIN' A FUNNY ON US! THAT CAN'T BE A REPLACEMENT!
MAYBE HE'S A MASCOT! LET'S GO UP CLOSER AN' SEE IF IT'S REAL! IT MIGHT JUST BE SOME-THIN' WE ET ... AN' IT'LL GO AWAY AFTER WE TAKE A COUPLE OF THEM LI'L BROWN PILLS!

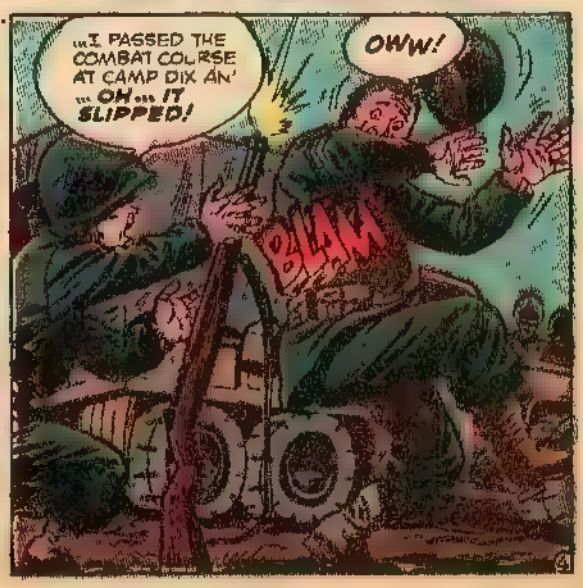

THE COMBAT VETS, DIRTY, ROUGH AND HARD FROM MONTHS OF FIGHTING AND OUTDOOR LIFE, LOOKED DOWN AT THE SMALL, CLEAN, SPIT-AND-POLISH REPLACEMENT AS IF HE WERE A CREATURE FROM OUT OF THIS WORLD ...
HELLO! IS ... IS IT FAR TO THE SHOOTING FROM HERE?
CA-RIPES! IT TALKS! HE'S FOR REAL!


WHAT YA ALL SLICKED UP IN YOUR CLASS A'S FOR, BUSTER? AN' WHAT ... HEY! WHAT'S THAT THERE DECORATION ON YOUR SLEEVE?
THAT'S A MUSI-CIAN'S WREATH! I WAS IN THE BAND AT FORT DIX ... AN' I WAS A BUGLER, TOO!

NO!
YA DON'T SAY!
GEE!
YEAH ... HONEST!


AWW, SARGE! DID YA HEAR THAT? HE'S A BUGLER! LET'S SEND HIM BACK! TRADE HIM TO THE KOREANS FOR A SACK OF RICE ... ANYTHING, BUT LET'S GET RID OF HIM!
I TOL' YA WE CAN'T, YA HELMET-BRAINED MUTT!


HERE, SONNY! THIS IS THE ONLY INSTRUMENT YA'LL PLAY ON FROM NOW ON! YA PRESS THAT LITTLE JIGGER ... AN' THE BOOM-BOOM MUSIC COMES OUT HERE!
T-THANKS, SER-GEANT! I ... I KNOW HOW TO HANDLE ONE OF THESE ...


... I PASSED THE COMBAT COURSE AT CAMP DIX AN' ... OH ... IT SLIPPED!
OWW!
BLAM

EVEN ANOTHER SERGEANT WOULDN'T REPEAT WHAT THE SARGE CALLED HENRY WAKEFIELD AFTER THAT! AND FROM THAT DAY ON, HENRY BECAME THE LAUGHING STOCK OF COMPANY K...

HEY, HENRY! YOU KNOW A... ABOUT THESE NASTY GUNS COME SHOW ME WHAT END THE AMMO GOES INTO!

YEAH... AN' SHOW US THAT TRICK AGAIN THE ONE WHERE YA SHOOT OFF THE SARGE'S TIN HAT! HA!

HENRY DIDN'T MIND THE RAZZING TOO MUCH... HE FIGURED THAT THE GUYS WERE JUST HAVING FUN! IT WAS SOME OF THE OTHER REMARKS THAT HURT HIM... REMARKS LIKE THE ONE HE HEARD WHEN THE OUTFIT WAS HEADING TOWARD THE FRONT...

...AN' I DON'T WANT THAT BUGLE BOY SCOUT ON MY FLANK WHEN WE'RE UP ON THE LINE! I'D HAVE TO FIGHT A TWO-FRONT WAR... THE REDS AN' HIM!

A PIMPLE OF A JOE LIKE THAT IS USELESS AT THE FRONT! THEY OUGHTTA SHIP HIM BACK TO SEOUL AN' LET HIM BLOW CHOW FOR THE BIG BRASS!

AT THE FRONT, HENRY GOT HIS FIRST TASTE OF ARTILLERY FIRE...

BA-BRUM-BA-BRUM

HE WAS ALL ALONE... AND HE WAS SCARED...

HE CRIED... HE SOBBED... HE GOT SICK...

BUT HE DIDN'T YELL FOR HELP... BECAUSE HE WANTED THE GUYS TO THINK THAT HE WAS JUST LIKE THEM... THAT HE COULD TAKE IT...

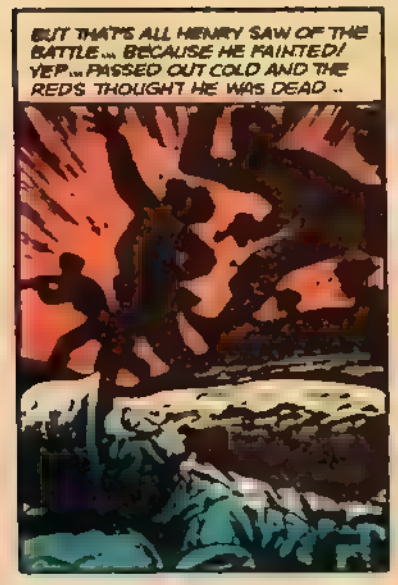
BA

AND THEN HENRY HEARD MUSIC AND HE THOUGHT HE WAS DEAD...

TA-TA-TATA-TA-TATA-TATA

YOU'RE STILL ALIVE, HENRY! THAT AIN'T ANGEL MUSIC... IT'S THE CHINESE VERSION OF MURDER... EIGHT TO THE B.A.R.! GET THAT RIFLE READY AN' POINT IT THATAWAY... THAT'S WHERE THEY'LL BE COMIN' FROM!

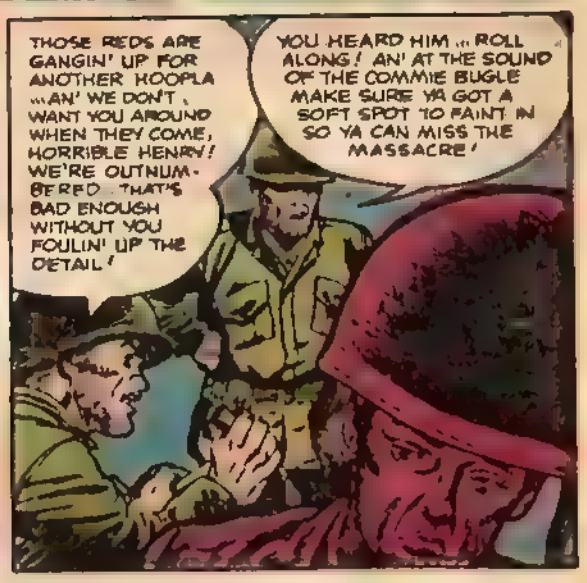
HENRY LISTENED TO THE JUMPY BLARE OF THE BUGLE AND HIS HEART KEPT TIME! THEN HE HEARD THE REDS YELL... AND HIS HEART SKIPPED A BEAT

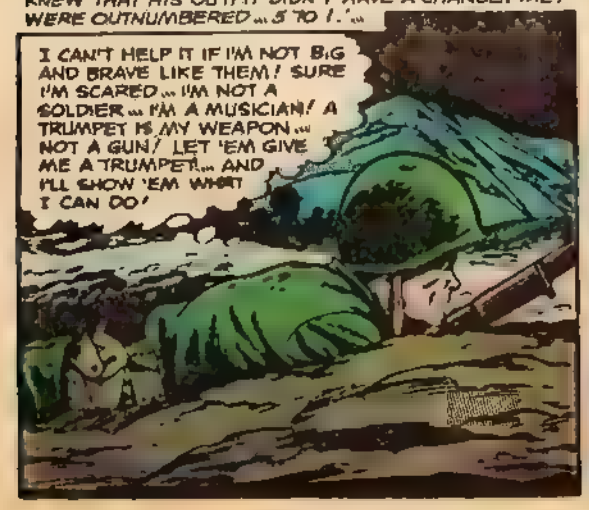

BUT THAT'S ALL HENRY SAW OF THE BATTLE... BECAUSE HE FAINTED! YEP... PASSED OUT COLD AND THE REDS THOUGHT HE WAS DEAD ..

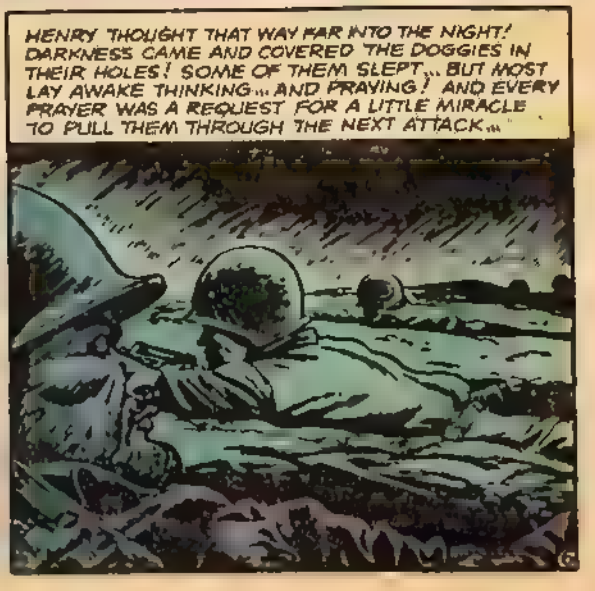
AND AFTER THE BATTLE, THE MEDICS EXAMINED HIM FOR WOUNDS AND...
HEY! WHAT KINDA CASUALTY IS THIS? HE AIN'T GOT A SCRATCH ON HIM! HE MUSTA CONKED OUT FROM FRIGHT!
WHAT! WHY THAT LITTLE GOLDBRICKIN' SON OF A BRASS BUGLE .. I'LL RAM HIS M-1 DOWN HIS THROAT!

AT EASE, SARGE! WE'VE GOT ENOUGH CASUALTIES TO WORK ON WITHOUT YOU MANUFACTURIN' ANY MORE! COOL OFF... WE'LL TAKE CARE OF HIM!
CARIPES ... WHY DO I HAVE TO GET ALL THE DILLIES? WHY? WHY?

AFTER THAT INCIDENT, HENRY WAKEFIELD WAS ON THE WHOLE OUTFIT'S T S LIST - ON THE VERY TOP OF IT...
DON'T GO DIGGIN' YOUR HOLE SO CLOSE TO MINE, GUTLESS GEORGE! SOME OF THAT YELLOW MIGHT WEAR OFF ON ME!
YEAH, SCRAM ... ALL THE WAY TO THE COMMIE LINE!


THOSE REDS ARE GANGIN' UP FOR ANOTHER HOOPLA ...AN' WE DON'T WANT YOU AROUND WHEN THEY COME, HORRIBLE HENRY! WE'RE OUTNUMBERED THAT'S BAD ENOUGH WITHOUT YOU FOULIN' UP THE DETAIL!
YOU HEARD HIM ... ROLL ALONG! AN' AT THE SOUND OF THE COMMIE BUGLE MAKE SURE YA GOT A SOFT SPOT TO FAINT IN SO YA CAN MISS THE MASSACRE!

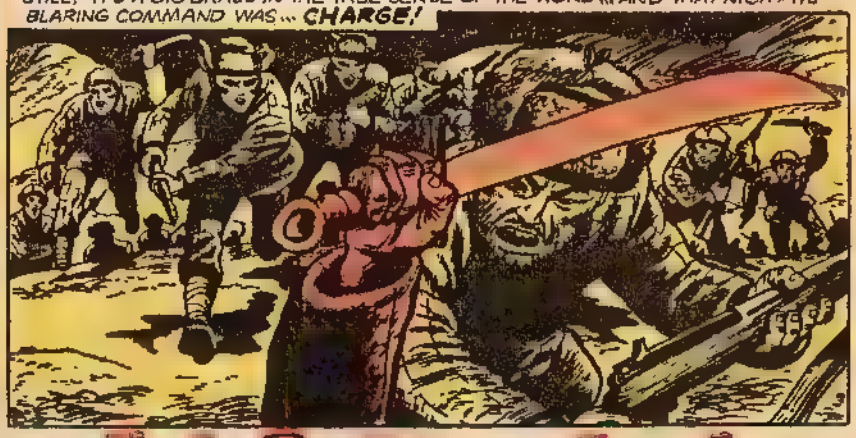

HENRY WENT OFF AND DUG HIS HOLE ALL BY HIS LONESOME! THEN HE LAY IN IT AND WAITED! THE CASUALTIES ON THAT FIRST CHARGE WERE HEAVY... AND HENRY KNEW THAT HIS OUTFIT DIDN'T HAVE A CHANCE! THEY WERE OUTNUMBERED ... 5 TO 1!...
I CAN'T HELP IT IF I'M NOT BIG AND BRAVE LIKE THEM! SURE I'M SCARED ... I'M NOT A SOLDIER ... I'M A MUSICIAN! A TRUMPET IS MY WEAPON ... NOT A GUN! LET 'EM GIVE ME A TRUMPET... AND I'LL SHOW 'EM WHAT I CAN DO!


HENRY THOUGHT THAT WAY FAR INTO THE NIGHT! DARKNESS CAME AND COVERED THE DOGGIES IN THEIR HOLES! SOME OF THEM SLEPT... BUT MOST LAY AWAKE THINKING... AND PRAYING! AND EVERY PRAYER WAS A REQUEST FOR A LITTLE MIRACLE TO PULL THEM THROUGH THE NEXT ATTACK...

IT WAS TWO O'CLOCK KOREAN TIME, WHEN THE BLAST OF A CHINESE BUGLE RIPPED THE HEARTS OUT OF THE SLEEPING DOGGIES...

TA-TA-TATA-TATATATA-TATA

THE REDS OBEY THE BUGLE LIKE THEY OBEY THE KREMLIN! EVERY NOTE IS A COMMAND! IT TELLS THEM WHEN TO CHARGE... WHEN TO RETREAT... WHEN TO STAND STILL! IT'S A BIG BRASS IN THE TRUE SENSE OF THE WORD... AND THAT NIGHT ITS BLARING COMMAND WAS... **CHARGE!**



SUDDENLY THE TEMPO OF THE BUGLE CHANGED... AND THE REDS OBEYED THE ORDER... **THEY HALTED!** ... AND THEY STOOD OUT THERE IN NO MAN'S LAND LIKE WOODEN SOLDIERS... 250 YARDS FROM THE G I LINE...

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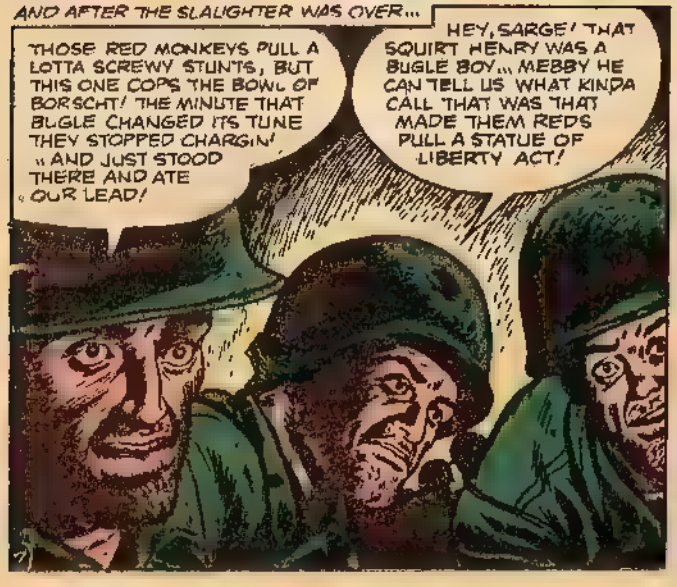
AND AFTER THE SLAUGHTER WAS OVER...



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me take care of the enemy when they get close to us."

Then he took from his pocket a single edge razor blade he had concealed successfully for weeks. Eager eyes watched him as he broke off straight branches and sharpened them quickly. When he had about half a dozen rough spears finished he bent down and placed his ear to the ground.

"They are coming closer," he warned. "You two fellows get up those trees. The captain will hold my supply of spears while I go hunting for the enemy. Now the hunters become the hunted."

Privates Fred Hoffer and Jim Mangan started up the trees for sanctuary. Private Crane watched them and then gave his final orders to the two soldiers.

"If I whistle twice just drop on a soldier and give him the works. I'll see how many I can finish with my spears. We want no noise or outcry to betray our exact location. We want to just worry them until fear does the rest for us."

Private Chin's heart wasn't exactly in the search for the escaped prisoners. He was thinking about his wife and two little boys that were at home. He turned his head to the right and never knew what exactly happened to him. The spear went right through his neck and he was pinned to the ground. Private Crane motioned to Captain Franklin. And one minute later, a rifle, a cartridge belt, a knife, and two grenades had changed to better ownership.

Private Lee was horrified as he stumbled across the body of his late companion and fellow soldier. He wanted to shout but the words froze in his mouth. Half a minute later a wooden spear went through his heart and he slumped to the ground. More weapons changed ownership.

"Now we get up those trees," advised Private Crane. "I don't know how many more of them there are. But when they get here and look around we can drop the hand grenades on them."

Captain Pu and his four remaining men looked at their two dead companions on the ground. And they were scared because

they each knew that at any minute a spear might come hurling through the air with its message of death. Captain Pu beckoned to one of his men to follow him. That left the other four huddled together and a perfect target. Up in the tree, Private Crane removed the pin from the grenade, counted, and then dropped it. There was an explosion and Captain Pu and his single remaining soldier backed up to the trees. There then came the whistle signal and two soldiers dropped down and soon had their prisoners.

For a full twenty minutes, Captain Pu sobbed hysterically. Then he got possession of his sense again and spoke to Private Crane.

"Kill me now, I plead with you. I can't go back to the Prison Camp. They will torture me for having failed. With wooden spears you vanquished my men. Kill me now and dispatch my spirit to the land of my honorable ancestors."

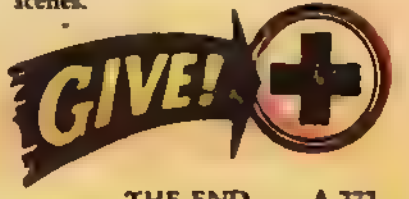
"Don't be silly," replied Private Crane. "You must be a man of some intelligence to have learned to speak English correctly. You guide us back to our post. Of course you will have to cook for us. And you will have to give a detailed plan of the prison camp to our commander so they can rescue the rest of the men. But we'll treat you o.k."

General Walter O'Leary listened with eagerness as Captain Franklin told him the details of the escape and gave all the credit to Private Crane.

"Wonderful for the army to have a man like that," said the General. "He must have had a lot of jungle experience to handle those spears."

There was a slight chuckle from the throat of Captain Franklin.

"Private Crane got all his experiences with spears as an extra at the Opera. They bounced him because he would indulge in spear throwing in between scenes."



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VERY FUNNY! IF YOU'RE ALL THROUGH HAVING YOUR LITTLE JOKE, MAYBE YOU'LL REMEMBER THERE'S A WAR GOING ON!
SEEING YOU SYKES, WE CLEAN FORGOT! TELL ME, SYKES DID YOU SMOKE BIG CIGARS WHEN YOU WERE VERY SMALL?

NO, SIR! I WAS BORN TALL! THEN I FELT SORRY FOR EVERYBODY WHO WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO MAKE JOKES ABOUT MY HEIGHT SO I TOOK SHRINKING PILLS! ANYTHING FOR A LAUGH, SIR!
WHAT FORES GHT. WELL CORPORAL SINCE YOU WANT TO REMEMBER THE WAR HERE ARE THE DISPATCHES! WE WANT AN IMMEDIATE CONFIRMATION BY PHONE!

I THINK YOU GOT THE LIEUTENANT SORE!
THAT'S TRAGIC!
SINCE WHEN ARE YOU SENSITIVE ABOUT YOUR HEIGHT, SYKES?

SINCE NOW! I'M SICK AND TIRED OF YOUR CORNY JOKES! I'M FED UP WITH THE RIBBING! I DON'T THINK IT'S FUNNY ANY MORE! IF YOU WANT LAUGHS GO READ JOKE BOOKS!
SAY, THE HALF-PINT'S GOTTA OVER!

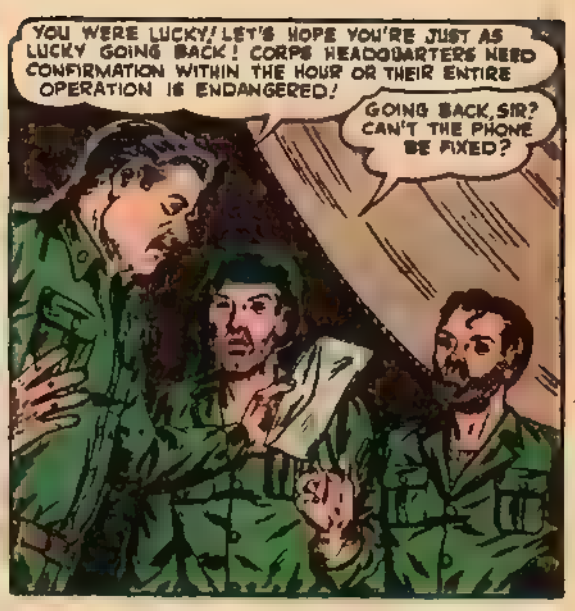
I'D RATHER BE A HALF-PINT THAN A HALF-WIT! NOW GET THIS JEEP OUT OF HERE OR I'LL DRIVE IT MYSELF!
YOU HEARD THE MIGHTY MIDGET, TUCKER! GET IN!

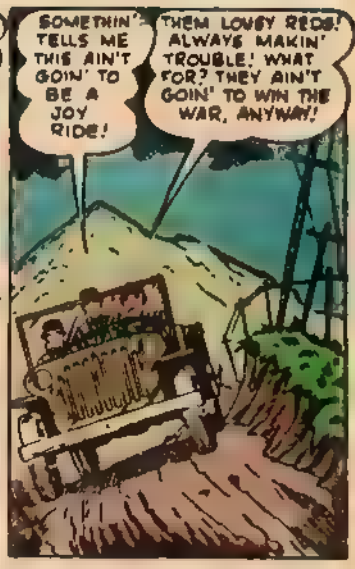
BECAUSE YOU'RE PEA SIZE AIN'T NO CALL TO GET PILED UP SYKES! NATURE JUST SHORT-CHANGED YOU AN' THERE AIN'T NOTHIN' YOU CAN DO ABOUT IT!
IT'S A PITY, THOUGH YOU MISS A LOT WHEN YOU'RE SMALL. PEOPLE DON'T RESPECT YOU!

IF YOU FREE-LOAD YOU CAN'T EAT ENOUGH! IF YOU GET IN A FIGHT YOU DON'T SWING ENOUGH WEIGHT!
SURE YOU WATCH A PARADE YOU CAN'T SEE A THING! YOU'RE NOT TALL ENOUGH! TAKE THE GALS THEY LOOK DOWN ON YOU!

YOU GROW OLDER YOU HAVE KIDS THEY'RE ALL BIGGER THAN YOU. YOU CAN'T SPANK THEM!
YOU'RE IN BUSINESS YOU CAN'T SWING BIG DEALS! IN THE STOCK MARKET YOU'RE ALWAYS CAUGHT SHORT..

FORTY MINUTES LATER, AT BATTALION HEADQUARTERS...





REDS!!
TUCKER, YOU FAT JERK! QUICK! TAKE HER CROSS COUNTRY

BUT THE JEEP CAN'T CLIMB MOUNTAINS!!
I TAKE IT ALL BACK SYKES
WE CAN GO ON FOOT! CORPS HEADQUARTERS IS ONLY TWO MILES AWAY!

...WITH ALL THESE SLUGS FLYIN' AROUND, I WISH I WAS AS SMALL A TARGET AS
V--OORRGNN!
REYNOLDS!

HE'S DEAD!
SO RE WE, IF WE DON'T GET UP IN THEM HILLS AN' HIDE WE CAN'T DRIVE ANY FURTHER

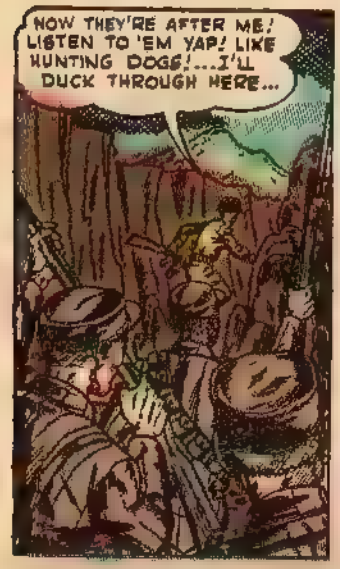
SYKES (GASP) I I CAN'T KEEP RUNNIN' MUCH LONGER (GASP) MY WIND IS GOIN' OUT
YOU'VE GOT TO KEEP GOING! THEY'RE RIGHT BEHIND YOU!

CRACK! CRACK CRACK!

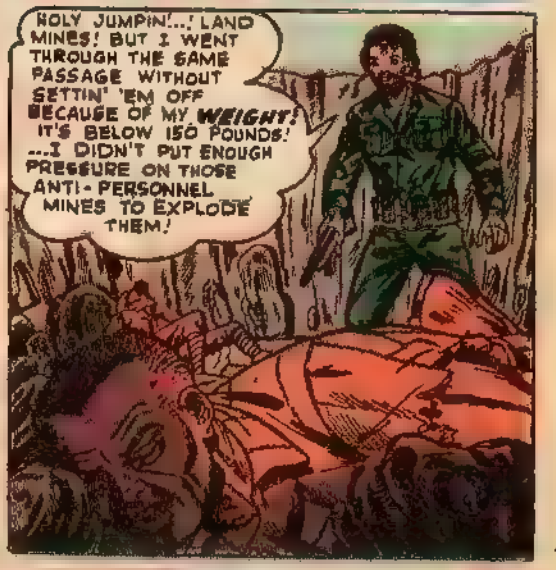
FASTER THEY'RE GAININ' ON YOU
C-CAN'T KEEP (GASP) CAN'T TAKE ANOTHER STEP I AIN'T AS L-LIGHT AS YOU! (GASP!)

NO NO (GROAN) C-CAN'T RUN ANY MORE! OHHHH

EEARR!



THE REDS CAME THUNDERING INTO THE NARROW DEFILE AND...



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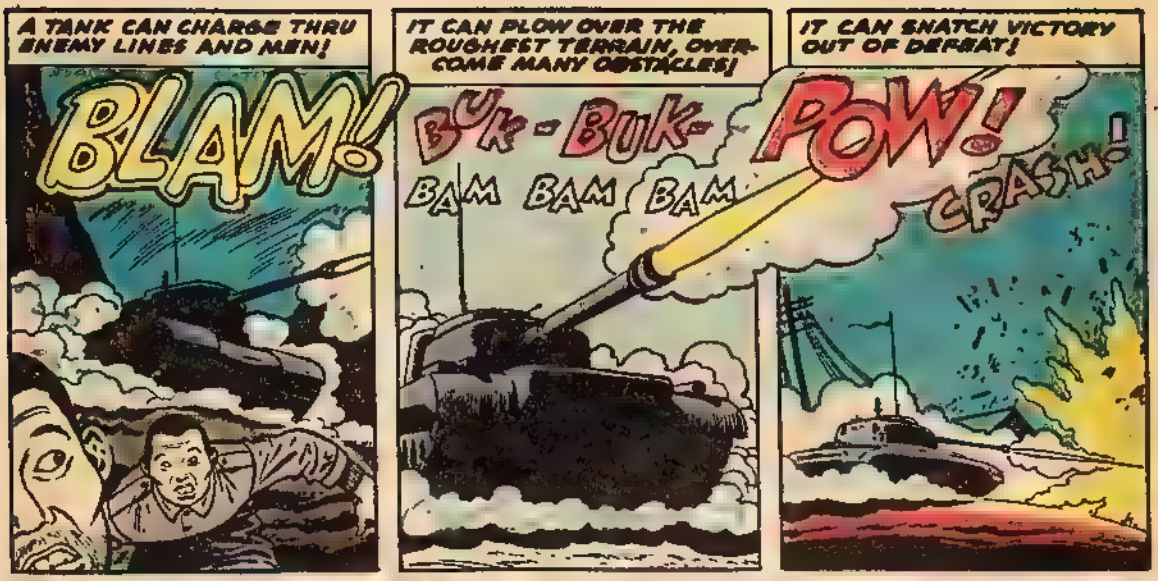
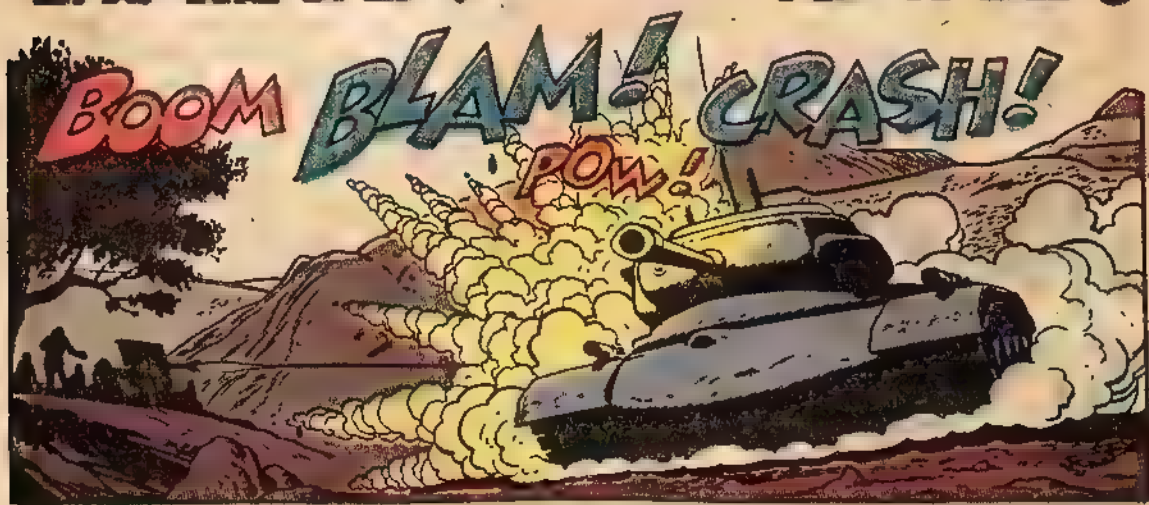
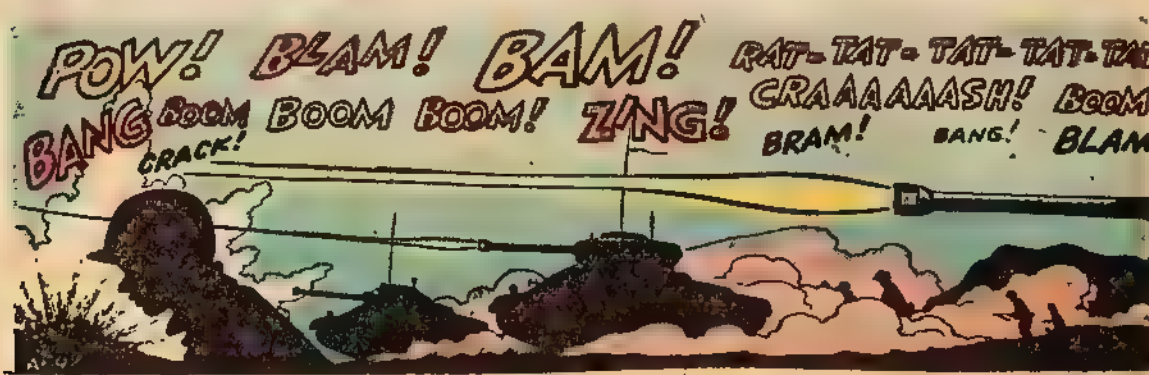


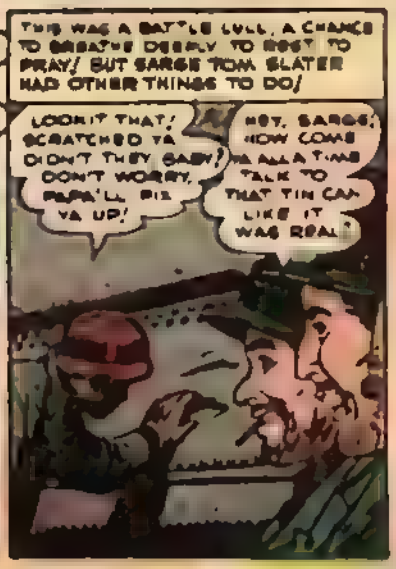
A TANK CAN ALSO DIE!



COME BACK WITH US TO THE EARLY DAYS OF THE WAR IN KOREA! IT WAS OCTOBER, 1950! THE BATTLE FOR THE 38th PARALLEL WAS ON IN FULL FORCE! THE LINE WAS CROSSED AND RECROSSED, FIRST BY THE NORTH KOREAN TROOPS, THEN BY THE U.N.! THIS WAS A STRANGE WAR IN A FAR AWAY LAND, AND ONCE MORE THE SKIES THUNDERED TO THE CEASELESS DIN OF BATTLE! ONCE MORE AMERICAN G.I.'S WERE ON THE MARCH...!



THE FRESH TROOPS WHO HAD COME IN ON THE SURPRISE LANDING AT INCHON, A HUNDRED MILES BEHIND THE NORTH KOREAN FRONT, WERE NOW TASTING THEIR FIRST BITTER DREGS OF WAR!
BLAM
THEY HAD RELIEVED SEOUL, CUT OFF LARGE SEGMENTS OF THE ENEMY, RECAPTURED TERRAIN, AND WERE NOW BUSY CHASING THE TAILS OF THE REDS!
BOOM
THE NEXT STEP WAS THE BIGGEST OF ALL--DRIVING THE INVADERS BACK TO WHERE THEY CAME FROM!
BANG!
AND, AT THE HEAD OF THE TROOPS, SPEAR-HEADING THE ATTACK, RUMBLED THE TANKS!
KA-POW!
RAT-TAT-TAT-TAT!
WHAT IS A TANK? IN THIS CASE, A TANK WAS A HIGH-SILHOUETTED MASS OF STEEL AND IRON MOUNTING A 75 MM. GUN! A BATTLE-SCARRED VETERAN OF MANY A BAPTISM OF FIRE ASKING NO MERCY AND SPARING NONE!
BLAM
BUT A TANK IS NOT ONLY STEEL AND GUN AND TURRET! A TANK ALSO HAS A HEART--A FORCE TO GIVE IT ENERGY, TO GIVE IT LIFE! IN THIS CASE, LET'S CALL THAT HEART SERGEANT TOM SLATER!
C'MON, BABY! KEEP GOING! YER DOIN' FINE! KEEP IT UP!
IT ALL DEPENDS ON YOU, SWEETIE! A COUPLE A THOUSAND OF OUR BOYS ARE RIGHT BEHIND US, DEPENDIN' ON US TO LEAD THE WAY! LET'S GIVE IT THE GUN, BABY!
OF COURSE, NO ONE COULD HEAR HIM TALKING TO HIS TANK! THE INSIDE AND OUTSIDE NOISES WERE TOO GREAT, BUT HE JUST SMILED AS HE PURRED GENTLY TO THIS RUMBLING CREATURE OF STEEL AND FIRE!
NICE, LOVER, VERY NICE INDEED!



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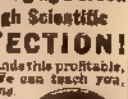

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GET THIS THING MOVING, TOM! THAT RED TANK'S CUTTING OFF OUR GUYS!

I--I CAN'T MOVE HER ANY FASTER, CAPTAIN! IT'S GOT US BEAT!

RAT-TAK-TAK!

YES, THEY HAD US BEAT! OUR LINES WERE PUSHED BACK--FURTHER AND FURTHER! THE 38 TH PARALLEL WAS LOST TO US AGAIN! AND ALTHOUGH TOM URGED BIG BELLE ON TO FIGHT, HER BEST WASN'T GOOD ENOUGH ANYMORE!

COME ON, SWEETHEART! YOU CAN DO IT, BABY! SHOW 'EM! DON'T LET THOSE LOUSY RUSSKY TANKS SHOW US UP AFTER ALL WE BEEN THROUGH!

HOLD IT UP, SERGEANT!

BANG!

BLAM! POW!

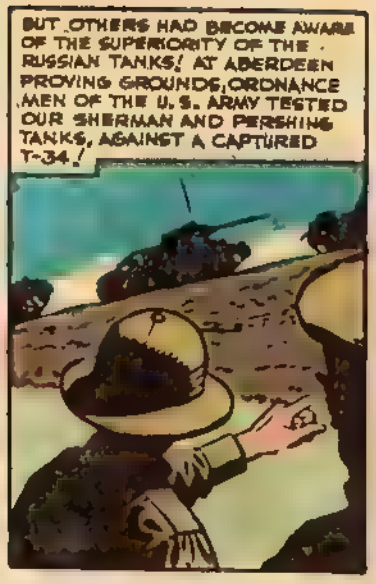
RUMBLE!

BUT, DEEP DOWN, TOM KNEW THAT HE AND BIG BELLE WERE THROUGH!

YA BETTER GIVE UP ON HER, SARGE! WHY DON'TCHA GET A HORSE!

LET HIM ALONE, WHITEY!

DON'T WORRY, HONEY! I'LL NEVER GIVE UP ON YA! WE CAN STILL DO A LOT OF DAMAGE BEFORE WE QUIT! JUST KEEP PLUGGIN', SWEETIE, KEEP PLUGGIN'!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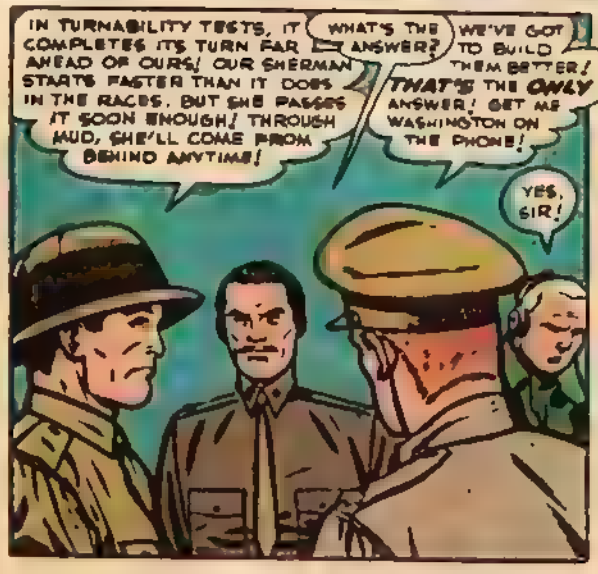
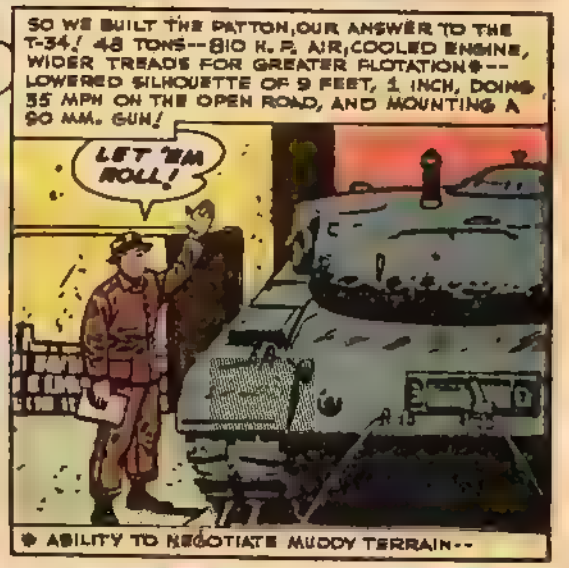
WELL?
IT'S ALL THEY SAY IT IS, SIR! IT'S SMARTER, FASTER, MORE DEADLY THAN ANYTHING WE'VE GOT!


IN TURNABILITY TESTS, IT COMPLETES ITS TURN FAR AHEAD OF OURS! OUR SHERMAN STARTS FASTER THAN IT DOES IN THE RACES. BUT SHE PASSES IT SOON ENOUGH! THROUGH MUD, SHE'LL COME FROM BEHIND ANYTIME!
WHAT'S THE ANSWER?
WE'VE GOT TO BUILD THEM BETTER!
THAT'S THE ONLY ANSWER! GET ME WASHINGTON ON THE PHONE!
YES, SIR!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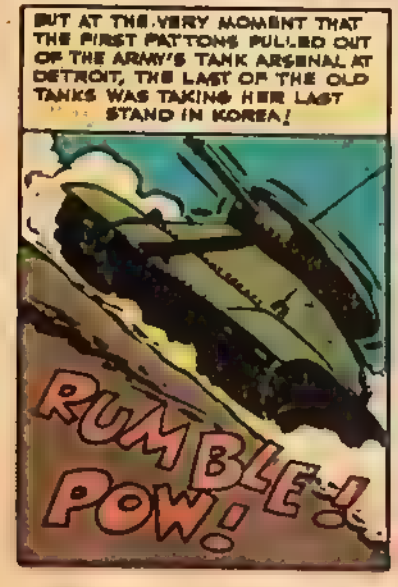
* ABILITY TO NEGOTIATE MUDDY TERRAIN--


BUT AT THE VERY MOMENT THAT THE FIRST PATTONS PULLED OUT OF THE ARMY'S TANK ARSENAL AT DETROIT, THE LAST OF THE OLD TANKS WAS TAKING HER LAST STAND IN KOREA!
RUMBLE!
POW!

COME ON, BABE! IT'S THEM OR US! LET'S SHOW 'EM WHAT WE CAN STILL DO! ROLL, SWEETHEART, ROLL!

KEEP ROLLIN', LOVER! KEEP ROLLIN'!
ZOOM!
BANG!

SHE ROLLED ALL RIGHT/ ON TO GLORY

BARABLAM! BAM!

...AND ON TO OBLIVION/

WHUMP!

SARGE! SARGE! YOU ALL RIGHT MAN?

YEAH! YEAH! I'M OKAY! BUT BIG BELLE HOW IS SHE?

SHE'S ALL DONE, SARGE! SHE DIDN'T EVEN FADE AWAY! JUST UP AND DIED, FIGHTING LIKE A REAL SOLDIER.

YEAH! THAT'S WHAT SHE WAS ALL RIGHT! BUT NOW IT'S OVER AN' SO AM I! I HADDA LOT OF PATTON TANKS, BUT I GUESS THEY'RE OUT/ LIKE THE CAVALRY!

HEY, CAPTAIN, THE NEW TANKS JUST CAME OVER! BIG BABES, PATTONS! YOURS IS READY NOW.

BUT TOM'S HEART WAS SOMEPLACE OUT IN THE BATTLEFIELD/ WITH A TWISTED, BROKEN OLD TANK/ IT WAS NOT HERE WITH THIS NEW STEEL MACHINE, AS HE RELUCTANTLY STEPPED INTO IT, SEATED HIMSELF AT THE CONTROLS/

I DUNNO! I DUNNO! MAYBE I OUGHTTA SWITCH TO INFANTRY, ALTHOUGH THAT'D BE AN AWFUL COMEDOWN FOR A TANK MAN! LET'S SEE IF THIS THING WORKS AT ALL!

YIPEEEE! YAHOOO! SHE'S SMOOTH AS A CAT/ ONLY IT AIN'T A CAT/ SHE'S A TIGER!

YES, A TANK CAN ALSO DIE! BUT OTHERS COME UP TO TAKE ITS PLACE-- BIGGER, BETTER, STRONGER, DEADLIER!

LET'S GO, HONEY! WE'LL BEGIN WHERE BIG BELLE LEFT OFF!

BLAM!

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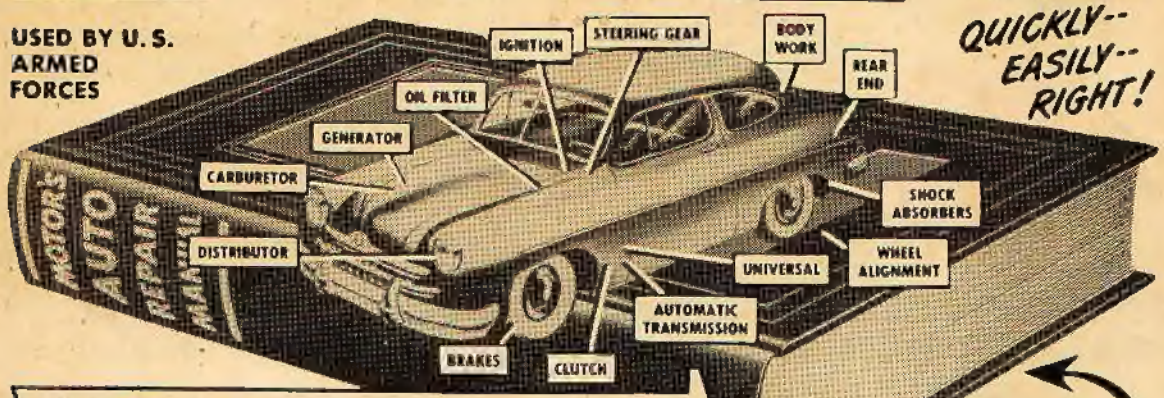

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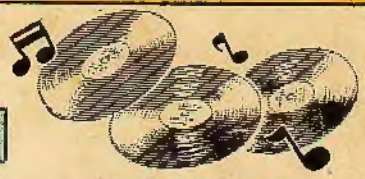

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